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Army Corps Representatives Meet with Area Levee Districts

Today the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District mobilized its 10-person flood fight team for the Elsberry and Salt River area in northeast Missouri, including portions of Lincoln, Pike and Ralls counties.

While the forecasted river crests for both the Mississippi and Salt near these locations are several feet below the tops of area levees, the mobilization of the team is standard operation procedure given current conditions.

“We do not anticipate any problems with area levees,” said Jake Scanlon, chief of the District’s Readiness Branch. “Today the team members will be meeting with ten levee district commissioners to assess the levees, address any concerns about the current and forecasted river stage and offer technical assistance. The team will remain in contact with the levee districts through the river’s crest, which is forecasted for early next week.”

St. Louis District employees at Lock and Dam 24 in Clarksville, Mo., Lock and Dam 25 in Winfield, Mo., and the Northern Resident Office in Elsberry, Mo., have been fielding calls from the public about current river stages and forecasts. This information is also available on the District’s website at <http://mvs-wc.mvs.usace.army.mil/dresriv.html>

Per their request, the District has provided sand bags to the cities of Clarksville and Louisiana, Mo., to meet any possible contingencies.

Additional information about river stages can be accessed from the District’s homepage <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil> by clicking on ‘River and Reservoir Reports’ or by calling 1-800-432-1208. The District’s Emergency Management Office can also be reached at 314-331-8605.

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